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Subject: JEFFERS, LANCE

FOIPA No. 1109953- 000

Dear Mr. Maxwell:

The enclosed documents were reviewed under the Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA), Title 5, United States Code, Section 552/552a. Deletions have been made to protect information which is exempt from disclosure, with the appropriate exemptions noted on the page next to the excision. In addition, a deleted page information sheet was inserted in the file to indicate where pages were withheld entirely. The exemptions used to withhold information are marked below and explained on the enclosed Form OPCA-16a:

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187 page(s) were reviewed and 187 page(s) are being released.

☐ Document(s) were located which originated with, or contained information concerning other Government agency(ies) [OGA]. This information has been:

☐ referred to the OGA for review and direct response to you.

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☐ The enclosed material is from the main investigative file(s) in which the subject(s) of your request was the focus of the investigation. Our search located additional references, in files relating to other individuals, or matters, which may or may not be about your subject(s). Our experience has shown, when ident, references usually contain information similar to the information processed in the main file(s). Because of our significant backlog, we have given priority to processing only the main investigative file(s).

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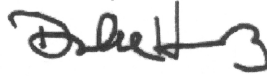
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If you want the references, you must submit a separate request for them in writing, and they will be reviewed at a later date, as time and resources permit.

☒ See additional information which follows.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Hardy", followed by a stylized flourish or number "3".

David M. Hardy
Section Chief
Record/Information
Dissemination Section
Records Management Division

Enclosure(s)

In response to your Freedom of Information Act request concerning the above subject, enclosed is a processed copy of FBI Headquarters file 100-359726.

EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
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- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could be reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could be reasonably expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
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- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

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- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
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- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

WASHINGTON, D.C.

FILE NO.

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REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D.C.	DATE WHEN MADE FEB 8 1949	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/4,5,6,11,24/49	REPORT MADE BY JPW
TITLE LANOE JEFFERS			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

LANOE F. JEFFERS, 1710 15th Street, N.W., employed as copy reader at "USSR Information Bulletin", 2112 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., by Soviet Embassy since June 24, 1948, coming here from New York City. New York informants indicate subject a member of the International Workers Order and New York Police Department records reflect JEFFERS a communist. Subject and wife among 24 arrested October 10, 1948 when attending Progressive Party rally where illegal liquor sales being made but released after investigation. Description set forth.

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SECURITY INFORMATION - CONFIDENTIAL

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

DETAILS:

This investigation was predicated on information received from Confidential Informant T-1 who advised in April, 1948, that the subject, residing at 38 Putnam Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, had applied for the position of copy reader with the "USSR Information Bulletin". T-1, who is familiar with the affairs of the USSR Information Bulletin and who has proved reliable in the past, advised that JEFFERS had discussed employment with [redacted] of the Bulletin and [redacted]. According to the informant, [redacted] gave JEFFERS small reason to believe that he would be hired, but that JEFFERS went ahead to explain that he had a background of newspaper reporting, re-writing and fiction writing. JEFFERS said that conditions in the United States are such that

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in the American publishing industry, the excuse almost invariably given for hiring him has been that he does not have the "qualifications", thus he said the American publisher or editor need not be vulgar in telling a negro applicant the real reason for not hiring him. JEFFERS added that because the one negro newspaper for which he had worked has a progressive past, the minute negro sector of the American publishing industry discriminates against him because of his political beliefs. JEFFERS said it would be a rare opportunity for him as a negro to work for the Information Bulletin and learn the skills that are involved.

On April 16, 1948, Confidential Informant T-3 advised that a man who identified himself as LANCE JEFFERS was at the offices of the Washington Bookshop Association in Washington, D.C. At that time, JEFFERS indicated a desire to contact one, GEORGE MURPHY at the National Wallace for President Committee in New York City. Informant also advised that [redacted] of the Association, spoke with her husband on that date saying that the friend "JEFF", the writer, about whom she spoke the other day, was in the shop and wanted to come over to see the laundrees about a job. [redacted] said that JEFF was a little late as no job was open. [redacted] said maybe he could work out something with [redacted] for the summer [redacted]

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has Confidential Informant T-3, of established reliability, and was through active participation in the affairs of the Washington Bookshop Association, [redacted] furnished valuable information concerning the members and activities of the Association. [redacted] advised that the Association has been described by the Attorney General as being within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

According to Confidential Informant T-4, [redacted] has been a member of the Communist Party in Washington for over fourteen years and is active in many communist front organizations. Her husband operates a public laundermat in Washington.

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On May 8, 1948, Confidential Informant T-2 advised that JEFFERS asked [redacted] if anything had been done about the job of copy reader for the Information Bulletin. JEFFERS explained that he had recently talked with [redacted] about the job. [redacted] said he was awaiting a reply from the Soviet Ambassador, ALEXANDER PANYUSHKIN.

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On June 2, 1948, Informant T-2 advised that JEFFERS was in Washington with a delegation to protest the Mundt-Nixon Bill which was proposed to outlaw the Communist Party. At that time, he asked [] if any action had been taken on his application for a job with the Information Bulletin. [] replied that immediate plans did not call for expansion of the force but that he would like to have JEFFERS' telephone number in case he should need him. JEFFERS furnished the number as New York City Sterling-3-2342.

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On June 8, 1948, Informant advised that information coming to his attention indicated that [] did talk with JEFFERS in New York on or about this date.

On June 21, 1948, T-2 stated that JEFFERS had decided to take the job with the Bulletin and that it was arranged that he would come to Washington on June 23, 1948 and start work on June 24, 1948.

The same informant advised on July 6, 1948 that JEFFERS inquired of the Washington Bookshop as to where he could buy a copy of the "Daily Worker" which is an East Coast Communist newspaper.

Informant also advised on July 15, 1948 that JEFFERS was in contact with the Soviet Embassy First Secretary, SERGEI R. STRIGANOV at which time the former thanked STRIGANOV for sending the copy of the magazine "Voks" to JEFFERS. JEFFERS said that he would like to discuss at sometime and comment on STRIGANOV's talk at some party concerning the negro question in America. STRIGANOV is the Cultural Attache at the Soviet Embassy.

On August 7, 1948, the informant advised that [] attempted to get in touch with LANCE JEFFERS but was unsuccessful. This office has no record concerning []

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On August 12, 1948, T-2 advised that JEFFERS was residing at 1710 Fifteenth Street, N.W. The Cross Directory indicates that [] This office has no record on [] either.

On September 10, 1948, T-2 advised that JEFFERS stated he had a story in Foley's edition of "America's Best Short Stories" and that the book was to go on sale on September 16, 1948.

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On September 13, 1948, the same informant advised that JEFFERS had asked his wife to go to the Department of Agriculture and register him for the elementary Russian course. His wife asked him if he had found out whether it was "mixed" or not. LANCE said he was sure it would be at the Department of Agriculture.

In this connection, [] of the Registrar's Office of the Graduate School of the Department of Agriculture furnished their records on January 5, 1949 which reflected JEFFERS was born on November 28, 1919, that he has four years high school and three years of college. The college education consists of pre-medical training at the University of the City of Los Angeles from 1940 to 1942 and a writing course at Columbia University in New York City in 1946. The records reflect that JEFFERS registered for a course in elementary Russian on September 13, 1948, that he is a veteran of World War II. [] however, stated that JEFFERS had not presented his certificate of entitlement under the G.I. Bill and a subsequent check at the regional office of the Veterans Administration reflects that he never requested such a certificate.

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On October 11, 1948, the Washington "Times Herald" reported that 24 persons were arrested on October 10, 1948 during a raid on a HENRY WALLACE Progressive Party Rally in Laborers' Hall, 500 block of New Jersey Avenue, Washington. The account indicated that seven were charged with either illegal liquor sales or operating a lottery and that 17 were charged with disorderly conduct and released on bond to appear when summoned. According to the newspaper report, the meeting was sponsored by the United Negro and Allied Veterans of America and the Veterans for Wallace. Among those charged with disorderly conduct were LANCE JEFFERS and his []

It is to be noted that the UNAVA has been cited by the Attorney General as being an organization within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

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On October 11, 1948, Informant T-2 advised that JEFFERS and his wife discussed the arrest. [] said that she checked into the First Precinct and was advised that they are not charged with disorderly conduct but brought in on investigation. She said she had talked to the assistant editor of the "Times Herald" to see where they had obtained their facts and that the newspaper is supposed to check their story and kill it.

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[] said if the "Times Herald" is wrong there may be grounds for a libel suit. She added that the Civil Rights Committee is having an organizational meeting that night at 8:00 P.M. at the Good Will Baptist Church, 16th and V Streets, N. W. [] said she saw LANCE's friend and he told her that [] (last name not mentioned) will be there that night and give them the information.

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In connection with the above, Confidential Informant T-5, who is familiar with the affairs of the Communist Party in Washington, D.C., advised that LANCE JEFFERS contacted [] of the local Communist Party and asked [] if he had been to see a lawyer "on this business" (meaning the arrest). [] replied that he had and asked if "they" had not sent word. LANCE said that they had not. [] then told LANCE that [] was supposed to have given LANCE the word on it. LANCE asked if [] meant through the other guy that works at the office and [] then replied that [] was supposed to give it to LANCE directly. LANCE told [] that he does not know []. [] then told LANCE, "He said that he thinks it is best for them too, you know-- for you to go ahead-- and register." LANCE said that he had wanted to get some kind of word from somebody who knew something rather than just go ahead and do it. [] then remarked that he would see LANCE sometime and said he would see LANCE the following night if he would be at the Civil Rights Congress affair at the Masonic Hall. LANCE said that he did not plan to be there and asked who would speak. [] said it would be a Civil Rights Congress mass meeting and that [] would speak. LANCE said that he had forgotten all about this and had made other plans but that he would like to buy a couple of tickets anyway "just so as to be loyal."

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LANCE then asked [] why he and his wife did not come over to see him. Upon [] statement that he did not know how he would be on getting out, LANCE suggested that perhaps he could drop by [] house. He said he would give [] a ring the following week and maybe they could plan it for the next week-end.

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In view of the above conversation, it is believed that [] referred to [] in the previous conversation. []

It is to be noted that [] of the "Daily Worker" described above, and according to T-4, is a national committeeman of the Communist Party.

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[redacted] is [redacted] of the United Negro and Allied Veterans of America.

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With regard to the meetings of the Civil Rights Congress, described above, it is to be noted that this organization has been cited by the Attorney General as within the purview of Executive Order 9835, describing subversive organizations.

Records of the Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D.C. were checked on January 6, 1949 by Special Employee [redacted]. They reflect that JEFFERS was arrested on October 10, 1948 for investigation and released. He was given Police Department No. 21582. Records reflect that he was born November 28, 1919 at Fremont, Nebraska.

Police records on [redacted] reflect her full name as [redacted]

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On October 13, 1948, Informant T-2 said that a friend of JEFFERS whom he called [redacted] told JEFFERS he was in town until Friday in connection with a meeting here of the National Council of Negro Women. It was arranged that he would call on JEFFERS after 6:00 P.M.

By letter dated December 2, 1948, the New York Office advised the Washington Field Office that New York Informant T-6 on December 23, 1947 furnished that office with a copy of the monthly dues collection lists for the International Workers Order Lodge 737 for the month of December, 1946 and that on this list appeared the name of LANCE JEFFERS, born 1919.

That office also advised that New York Informant T-7 informed on May 28, 1947 that LANCE JEFFERS conferred with LILLIAN GATES, assistant Legislative Director, New York State Communist Party, at which time JEFFERS stated he wanted to get a job through her husband, JOHN GATES (editor of the "Daily Worker"). GATES told him that she wanted to see him to discuss tenant's business but that he should contact JOHN GATES directly concerning a job.

According to reference letter, in the "Daily Worker" issue for January 19, 1947, page 3, column 5, appeared an advertisement of "Main Stream"

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the new Marxist literary quarterly. Listed as one of the writers for this issue was LANCE JEFFERS, author of a story entitled, "The Dawn Swings In." This was the 1947 winter edition.

Further, the records of Special Squad #1, Bureau of Special Services and Investigations, New York City Police Department, reflect that LANCE JEFFERS, negro, was industrial secretary of the National Urban League of New York City; also that LANCE JEFFERS, negro, well known poet and communist, was one of the members of the emergency committee and rent and housing of the Bedford Veterans Association, American Veterans Committee.

A report of the Credit Bureau, Washington, D.C., dated November 17, 1948, reflects that JEFFERS has been in the employ of the USSR Information Bulletin since June 24, 1948 and that his wife is unemployed. According to this report, his wife has resided in Washington since July, 1943 however his former address was given as mentioned above.

A check of the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the U.S. Department of Justice revealed that JEFFERS has not registered under the Act. According to [redacted] of the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department, JEFFERS would not be required to register unless he exercised some control as opposed to a clerical position at the USSR Information Bulletin.

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The following is a physical description of JEFFERS which was obtained through physical surveillance:

Name:	LANCE F. JEFFERS,
Race:	colored
Age:	29
Born:	November 28, 1919
Height:	5' 11"
Weight:	175 lbs.
Build:	medium
Hair:	black
Complexion:	light skin
Features:	good
Characteristics:	wears dark horn-rimmed glasses
Marital Status:	married [redacted]
	(not verified)
Address:	1710 15th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.
Telephone:	NO-6796

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LOS ANGELES OFFICE

At Los Angeles, California

Will review its files for information indicating the subject was associated with the Communist Party or front groups when enrolled at the University at the city of Los Angeles from 1940 to 1942 and will check the records of the university to obtain background information.

ST. LOUIS OFFICE

At St. Louis, Missouri

Will check the record of the subject at the Records Administration Center, Adjutant General's Office, 4300 Goodfellow Street, St. Louis, Missouri to determine information regarding subject's army service in addition to background information.

OMAHA OFFICE

At Fremont, Nebraska

Will verify subject's date and place of birth as November 28, 1919.

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

At Washington, D.C.

Will follow the activities of the subject through confidential informants.

A copy of this report is being furnished the New York Office since subject apparently was active there in Communist Party matters prior to his employment in Washington, D.C.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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OM FILE NO. 100-4261

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TITLE LANCE JEFFERS			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

No record of subject's birth at the City Clerk's Office or the County Judge's Office, Fremont, Nebraska. Inquiry discloses JEFFERS family unknown at Fremont, Nebraska. Records of the Nebraska State Department of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Lincoln, Nebraska, reflect no birth certificate on file for subject.

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REFERENCE: Report of SA dated 2/8/49 at Washington, D.C.

DETAILS:

The following investigation was conducted at Fremont, Nebraska, by SA and at Lincoln, Nebraska, by the Reporting Agent.

advised that he had complete records of persons born in Fremont since 1919, providing, of course, that the attending physician filed a record. looked through the birth records for November and December, 1919, and found no record of subject's birth. suggested that inquiry be made at the office of the County Judge, inasmuch as delayed birth certificates are filed there.

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[redacted] County Judge's Office, upon making a search of her records advised that she had no record of subject filing a delayed birth certificate. [redacted] further advised that HENRY WILLIAMS, colored, has lived in Fremont for approximately 50 years and knows all colored families in Fremont.

HENRY WILLIAMS, employed as a porter at a barber shop at 5th and Main Streets, stated that he had never heard of a family named JEFFERS residing in Fremont, and if they ever did reside in Fremont, it must have been for a short period of time.

At Lincoln, Nebraska.

Records of the Nebraska State Department of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, searched by [redacted] reflect no birth certificate on file for the subject.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
FROM : SAC, Los Angeles
SUBJECT: LANCE JEFFERS
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DATE: 3/22/49

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Rerep of SA [redacted] dated 2/8/49 at Washington, D. C.

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On February 17, 1949, [redacted] Registrar's Office, Los Angeles City College, 855 North Vermont Avenue, advised that she had no record of LANCE JEFFERS or LANCE F. JEFFERS ever having attended Los Angeles City College. The records of the regular college, the adult day school, and the night school were included. There was, however, a record of the registration of one [redacted] who attended LACC from September, 1936 to February, 1938.

The indices in the Los Angeles Office contain only one reference to a LANCE JEFFERS and LANCE F. JEFFERS, which information was furnished the Los Angeles Office by Washington Field, and which information includes the name of LANCE JEFFERS on a personnel list of the Soviet diplomatic representatives in Washington, D. C. Inasmuch as there is no further information available in the Los Angeles area, this case is being considered referred upon completion to the Washington Field Office.

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SL FILE NO. 100-8546

REPORT MADE AT St. Louis, Missouri	DATE WHEN MADE 4-6-49	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2-14, 23-49	REPORT MADE BY [redacted] am
TITLE "CHANGED" LANCE JEFFERS was Lance F. Jeffers, Lance Flippin Jeffers			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Army records show only orders affecting subject's service and other allied papers. Background information set forth and lead set out to have further records reviewed for additional data.			
RUC			
REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted] dated 2-8-49 at Washington, D.C.			
DETAILS: AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI			
The title has been marked changed to reflect the name of the subject per Army records.			
Records, Department of the Army, AGO, DPRB, on LANCE F. JEFFERS, ASN 0-154,2609 show:			
Appointed as 2nd Lieutenant, Medical Administrative Corps (temporary) on November 25, 1942 at Camp Barkeley, Texas.			
Promoted to 1st Lieutenant, Army of the United States on March 10, 1943.			
His assignments were as follows:			
November 25, 1942 - 702nd Medical Sanitary Company, Camp Livingston, Louisiana.			
March 1, 1943 - 2nd Cavalry Division, Fort Clark, Texas			
March 10, 1943 - 3rd Medical Squadron, 2nd Cavalry Division,			
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Fort Clark, Texas

March 15, 1943 - Headquarters Detachment, 2nd Cavalry Division, Fort Clark, Texas

April 30, 1943 - Medical Detachment, 9th Cavalry, 2nd Cavalry Division, Fort Clark, Texas

May 18, 1943 - 427th Medical Ambulance Battalion, Camp Carson, Colorado

May 31, 1943 - 92nd Infantry Division, Fort Huachuca, Arizona

June 8, 1943 - 317th Medical Battalion, Fort Huachuca, Arizona

On May 20, 1942 subject executed Classification Questionnaire of Reserve Officers which reflected:

Full name - LANCE FLIPPIN JEFFERS

Birth date - November 28, 1919 at Fremont, Nebraska

Race - Negro

Civilian occupation - Porter, Southern Pacific Railroad, from June, 1939 to January, 1942

Laboratory Technician, National Youth Administration, September, 1939 to January, 1940 and September, 1940 to January, 1941

Garage Attendant, Lombard Garage, place not shown, September, 1941 to January, 1942

Other experience: Boy's Camp Leader; managed 25th Station Hospital Dispensary, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; time not shown

Education: High School, Continuation High School, place not shown, graduated 1938.

College, 3 years, University of California and San Francisco

State College, majored in "Pre-Med. Psych.", did not graduate; can write German "slightly".

Emergency addressee - Mrs. DOROTHY JEFFERS, mother, 581 25th Avenue, San Francisco, California.

On February 3, 1943 at Camp Livingston, Louisiana, subject applied for National Service Life Insurance and gave the following information:

Co-beneficiaries -

[redacted] and Mrs. DOROTHY JEFFERS, mother, 581 25th Avenue, San Francisco, California.

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It was noted that while subject was stationed at Fort Clark, Texas he changed his beneficiary under National Service Life Insurance to show his mother as full beneficiary and father, Mr. FOREST JEFFERS, of same address as mother, as a contingent beneficiary. *M.S.*

Nothing was found in the files to indicate subject's disloyalty to the United States.

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WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

At Washington, D.C., will check the records of AGO for a further record of subject since the above record does not show complete service of subject nor contain subject's full file, but merely certain orders and papers concerning subject's service.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field
SUBJECT: LANCE F. JEFFERS
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Rerep of Special Agent [redacted] dated February 8, 1949,
at Washington, D. C., in instant case.

The second paragraph on page 2 should be corrected to read: "Confidential Informant T-3, of established reliability, has through active participation in the affairs of the Washington Bookshop Association, furnished valuable information concerning the members and activities of the Association. The Association has been described by the Attorney General as being within the purview of Executive Order 9835."

In the description of ~~JEFFERS~~ on page 7 of referenced report, the first name of his [redacted] should be spelled as previously in the report.

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TO : Director, FBI
 FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field
 SUBJECT: LANCE F. JEFFERS
 SECURITY MATTER - C

DATE: April 13, 1949

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Remylet to the Bureau dated January 24, 1949,
 requesting that a Security Index Card be prepared relative to
 the subject.

Confidential Informant [] has advised that
 the subject's employment with the "USSR Information Bulletin"
 terminated on or about March 14, 1949. Inasmuch as the
 request for Security Index Card was based on subject's employ-
 ment, plus his alleged membership in the Communist Party, it
 is now being withdrawn.

Subject's present location is presently unknown
 but Confidential Informant [] of this office advised on
 April 4, 1949, that JEFFERS and his wife had gone to New York
 and would go from there to Chicago, Illinois. Informant did
 not know, however, if this information indicated that JEFFERS
 would reside in Chicago or whether his trip was in the nature
 of a vacation. It is to be noted that JEFFERS' []
 [] claims to have been born in Chicago, Illinois
 and may have relatives there.

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 given of Jeffers
 termination of employment
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 (In view of termination of
 employment - no interest
 to Espionage Section - JHS)
 5/26/49

OK - no action

SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

April 20, 1949

DIRECTOR, FBI

LANCE JEFFERS, was
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Reference is made to report of Special Agent [redacted]
dated February 8, 1949, in the above-captioned matter.

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A review of the Bureau's files reflects the following
additional information:

The "Daily Worker" for March 23, 1947, contained an article
that the publication entitled "Mainstream" Advances the Heritage of
American Literature." Lance Jeffers was listed as one of the writers
of this publication. (100-346880)

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated April 26, 1947,
entitled, "Progressive Book and Education Activities, Inc., Registration
Act; Internal Security - C," reflects that the New Century Publishers,
832 Broadway, New York City, sent a communication to the Los Angeles
County Communist Party dated December 23, 1946. This communication
described a new publication entitled "Mainstream" and described it as
the first Marxist Literary quarterly in the United States and a magazine
that will shape history. Lance Jeffers was listed in this communication
as being one of the feature writers. (97-232-74 p. 9.)

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The report of Special Agent [redacted] New York City
dated August 13, 1947, entitled, "People's Culture Union of America,
aka. Great Concord Publishers, Internal Security - C," reflects that
informant [redacted] advised that Lance Jeffers was an assistant editor
of the Great Concord Publishers. (100-342740-10 pp. 3 and 4)

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The "People's Voice" for September 9, 1947, contained an
article by Lance Jeffers. This article was entitled "Let's Unite and
Fight: Puerto Ricans Tell Negroes." (100-51230-A)

The Washington Field Office is instructed to submit a report
as expeditiously as possible and you should give full and complete
coverage of the subject's activities. You should also make every effort
to obtain a photograph of the subject.

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FROM :

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PURPOSE

This memorandum has been prepared in order that Liaison can advise the State Department of instant investigation.

BACKGROUND

An investigation has been instituted by the Washington Field Office concerning the activities of Lance Jeffers, an employee of the Soviet Embassy as a copy reader at the "USSR Information Bulletin," 2112 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C. Jeffers has been employed in this capacity since June 24, 1948, and presently resides at 1710 15th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.; previous to this employment in Washington, he resided in New York City.

A trash coverage on the headquarters of the IWO in New York City advised that Lance Jeffers was a member of Lodge 737 in New York City of the International Workers Order in December, 1946.

Through a technical surveillance on Ben's luncheonette, it was ascertained that on May 28, 1947, Lance Jeffers conferred with Lillian Gates, Assistant Legislative Director, New York State Communist Party, and stated that he wanted to get a job through her husband, John Gates, (editor of the "Daily Worker").

Records of the Metropolitan Police Department reflect that Lance Jeffers and [redacted] were arrested October 10, 1948, for investigation when attending a Progressive Party rally in Laborer's Hall Washington, D. C., but were released. According to a newspaper account, the meeting was sponsored by the United Negro and Allied Veterans of America, jointly with the Veterans for Wallace.

A technical surveillance on the Soviet Embassy revealed that subsequent to this arrest, Lance Jeffers contacted [redacted] of the Communist Party in the District of Columbia, and discussed the problem of obtaining an attorney in connection with his arrest.

Jeffers was born November 28, 1919, and is colored. (American)

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that this memorandum be directed to the Liaison Section in order that the State Department can be advised of instant investigation.

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LEADS

THE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Will attempt to ascertain any contacts made by the subject with the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D. C. (S) (U)

THE NEW YORK OFFICE

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Will verify JEFFERS' address as 1445 Castleton Avenue, Port Richmond, Staten Island, New York.

THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Will review the records of the University of California and of the San Francisco State College where the subject is supposed to have taken pre-medicine, enrolling on or about 1938.

That office is requested to obtain a copy of a photograph if such is contained in the records of the colleges.

That office should also advise if they have any record in their indices concerning Communist affiliations of the subject when he was located in their Division.

THE ST. LOUIS OFFICE

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

Will again check the record of the subject at the Records Administration Center, AGO, 4300 Goodfellow Street, St. Louis, Missouri to determine information regarding subject's Army service in addition to background information and a photograph.

In this connection the St. Louis Office is advised that the file of JEFFERS located at the Adjutant General's Office has been transferred to St. Louis.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT WASHINGTON FIELD

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FILE NO. 100-19893

REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 8/2/49	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6-13, 15, 24/49	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] BG-MEE
TITLE LANCE FLIPPIN JEFFERS, was			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

LANCE F. JEFFERS discharged from position of copywriter with "USSR Information Bulletin" about March 11, 1949 apparently for cause according to Informants. They advise he made an effort to see Soviet Ambassador ALEXANDER S. PANYUSHKIN in his defense and also contacted [REDACTED] Representative of the Daily Worker. Departed Washington, D.C. shortly after discharge with [REDACTED] who had been employed by the Civil Rights Congress. Left forwarding address of 1445 Castleton Avenue, Fort Richmond, Staten Island, New York.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau file 100-359726
Report of Special Agent [REDACTED]
dated February 8, 1949 at Washington, D. C.

DETAILS:

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

(U) [On March 11, 1949, Confidential Informant T-1,] who has provided reliable information in the past concerning the Civil Rights Congress in Washington, D. C., advised that he had learned that LANCE JEFFERS had lost his job with "USSR Information Bulletin" and that his [REDACTED] was preparing a statement of some kind regarding his discharge. Informant further stated that [REDACTED] had been employed by the Washington Office of the Civil Rights Congress since the first part of 1949.

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This same informant also advised that on March 12, 1949, [] of the Civil Rights Congress, talked with Jeffers concerning JEFFERS' discharge. JEFFERS said "opportunism has risen its head in the last place where he expected it to" according to Informant.

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JEFFERS also indicated that he was very surprised that un-named individuals would take the position that they did.

In connection with the same matter, Confidential Informant T-2, who is of known reliability and who is familiar with the affairs and contacts of [] advised on March 14, 1949, that JEFFERS had introduced himself to [] stating that he did not know [] but desired to see him on an urgent matter. Informant stated that [] said he did not want to get involved with something not his business, but JEFFERS said it was very much his business so [] agreed to see him. (S) (U)

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JEFFERS wanted [] to see a letter or statement which the former had submitted to an unstated place so that [] would be sure and get the facts accurate, inasmuch as JEFFERS anticipated unfavorable rumors concerning himself. JEFFERS said his point was that this (apparently meaning his discharge) was a case of national oppression and that [] had a stake whether he wanted or not, to which [] agreed. Informant indicated that [] kept reiterating his position that he did not want to become involved in the matter as he desired to be in a position where he could approach it objectively; however, JEFFERS insisted that [] accept the document and the latter finally said he would withhold judgement until he saw it. (S) (U)

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The conversation continued in a cryptic manner with JEFFERS explaining that the un-named matter was not "anti-business" but local opportunism, further that he did not want any rumors going against him or against the other country (probably Russia). (S) (U)

Informant subsequently advised that on March 16, 1949, JEFFERS was in the office of [] and gave him the aforementioned document which the informant did not see. Informant did learn, however, that JEFFERS wanted to get the document back within one or two days and [] indicated he would take it to his home where he would study it and make notes. (S) (U)

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[] also suggested that JEFFERS talk to a friend of the former in New York so that the un-named matter would not be left up in the air. (S) (U)

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It is to be noted that [] is the [] of the Daily Worker and [] according to T-3, a member of the City Committee of the Communist Party. (U) ~~(S)~~

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(U) ~~(S)~~ Confidential Informant T-3, is a member of the Communist Party, who over a long period of time has furnished reliable information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

On April 4, 1949, Confidential Informant T-1 advised that JEFFERS had gone to New York and from there had gone to Chicago; however, the Informant was not able to learn whether JEFFERS planned to remain in Chicago or whether he would return to New York. ~~(S)~~ (U)

In this connection, the records of the Columbia Heights Branch of the Post Office reflect a change of address to 1445 Castleton Avenue, Port Richmond, Staten Island.

With regard to JEFFERS' relations with the Soviet Embassy after his discharge Confidential Informant T-4, who has furnished reliable information and who is in a position to be familiar with the activities of the Soviet Embassy advised that on March 18, 1949, that JEFFERS has sent two communications to the Soviet Ambassador ALEXANDER S. PANYUSHKIN and had requested to see the Ambassador. Informant stated however, that he learned on May 12, 1949 that JEFFERS had not yet been able to talk with the Ambassador and that the Embassy appeared to be putting JEFFERS off. ~~(S)~~ (U)

Informant stated that JEFFERS indicated at this time that he believed that he had been done an injustice which he desired to be corrected. ~~(S)~~ (U)

Records of the Credit Bureau, Washington, D. C. were reviewed by Special Employee [] but reflected no information not already in possession of this office. b6
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: August 17, 1949

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

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DATE 08-15-2008 (AAG)

SUBJECT: LANCE FLIPPIN JEFFERS, was.
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Bureau File 100-359726ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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Reference is made to the report of SA [redacted] in instant case, made at Washington, D.C. on August 2, 1949. b6 b7C

The following is submitted with the request that the Bureau give consideration to authorizing an interview with the subject with a view to determining whether or not the employees of the "USSR Information Bulletin" are engaging in espionage activities and/or developing him as an informant.

As you know, the subject was employed by the Soviet Embassy as a copy-reader at the offices of the Bulletin from 1948 to March, 1949. His address, which is presently being verified by the New York Office, is believed to be 1445 Castleton Avenue, Port Richmond, Staten Island, N.Y. His present occupation is unknown but he has been a railway porter, a laboratory technician with the NYA, garage attendant, a pre-medical student at the University of California, an officer in the U.S. Army in World War II, a reporter and a poet.

JEFFERS is a negro and is married (not verified) [redacted]

[redacted] until their departure from this city in March, 1945. b6 b7C

It is not known for how long or with complete certainty that JEFFERS has been a member of the Communist Party. Records of the New York Police Department reflect that he is a communist and he was a contributor in 1947 to "Main Stream", a Marxist literary quarterly. When in Washington, he was in contact with [redacted] known communist and [redacted] of the DAILY WORKER.

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There is no information in the possession of this office indicating Party membership on the part of his wife but as noted above, she was employed by an organization cited by the Attorney General as within the purview of Executive Order 9835, describing subversive organizations.

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As reflected in referenced report, JEFFERS was discharged from his position with the "Bulletin" on about March 11, 1949. Information from Washington National Defense Informant [] revealed that JEFFERS said with regard to his discharge that "opportunism has risen its head in the last place he expected it to". Informant [] reported that JEFFERS felt he had been done an injustice. Also Confidential Informant [] has recently advised that he was told by [] employee of the "Bulletin" that JEFFERS and [] of the "Bulletin" and long-time communist, had had words and that JEFFERS thought that [] was prejudiced towards negroes. This informant did not know whether JEFFERS was fired or whether he quit but said that he left without saying good-bye to anyone.

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Referenced report also reflects that JEFFERS went to some length in an apparent attempt to keep his name clear with the Party by submitting a statement in his defense to [] mentioned above. [] advised that JEFFERS also had sent two communications to Soviet Ambassador ALEXANDER S. PANYUSHKIN and had requested an interview with him.

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The above of course does not reflect any strong feeling of hostility on the part of the subject towards the Party and the Soviet Government. However, it is believed that he may have come to feel even more that he has been the victim of an injustice as he apparently will not be received by any member of the Soviet Embassy. If so and if he is willing to discuss the matter with the FBI, he would be in a position to furnish considerable information regarding the activities of the "USSR Information Bulletin" and the Communist Party.

cc-New York

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Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

WASHINGTON FIELD

FILE NO. 100-8546

REPORT MADE AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI	DATE WHEN MADE 9-6-49	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8-12, 25-49	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] MH
TITLE LANCE FELPPIN JEFFERS, was.			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject's complete Army record, now on file at AGO, St. Louis, Mo., reflects enlisted service from 1-13-42 to 11-24-42 when he was honorably discharged to accept commission and commissioned service from 11-25-42 to 1-22-46 due to demobilization. No indication of disloyalty. Additional background information set forth.

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REFERENCE:

Bufile 100-359726.
Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 8-2-49 at Washington.

DETAILS:

Further examination of the records of LANCE F. JEFFERS, ASN 19065329 and O-1542609 now on file at AGO, Department of the Army, Demobilized Personnel Records Branch, show the following additional data:

Enlisted at San Francisco, California, on 1-13-42 in grade of private; honorably discharged on 11-24-42 at Camp Barkeley, Texas, to accept commission as second lieutenant, Medical Administrative Corps, Army of the United States, commissioned and entered on active duty in above capacity at Camp Barkeley, Texas, on 11-25-42; relieved from active duty on 1-22-46 at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, in grade of first lieutenant due to demobilization.

Home address on relief from active duty Care of [REDACTED]

Military occupation - Administrative Officer with 1 year, 3 months and 2 days foreign service in European Theatre. Battles and campaigns - Rhineland, Central Europe. Decorations and citations - American Theatre Service Medal, World War II Victory Medal, and European-African-Middle-Eastern Service Medal. No record of AWOs or Courts Martial proceedings.

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Class-E-Allotments in effect to date of relief from active duty payable as follows:

\$3.61 per month payable to Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company, place not shown.

\$3.40 per month payable to Supreme Liberty Life Insurance Company, place not shown.

Relatives or acquaintance:

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Nothing was found in the files to indicate that subject was disloyal to United States.

No photograph of subject was found in the files.

Description of subject on 1-22-46: male, negro, married, born 11-23-19 at Fremont, Nebraska; brown eyes, black hair; height 6', weight 160 lbs.; civilian occupation - college student.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : [redacted] *WJF*

FROM : MR. F. J. BAUMGARDNER *FB*

SUBJECT: LANCE FLIPPIN JEFFERS, was.
SECURITY MATTER - C

DATE: 9-2-49

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Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
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Reference is made to the attached communication dated August 17, 1949, from the Washington Field Office requesting authority to interview the captioned individual.

It is noted that the purpose of the interview is in order to develop information concerning employees of the USSR Information Bulletin engaging in espionage activities and/or to develop Jeffers as a confidential informant.

On the basis of SAC Letter No. 55 it is not believed that the Internal Security Section can justify granting authority to interview Jeffers. He does not appear to fit the qualifications as laid down for security subjects. It is additionally noted that the WFO desires to interview him for espionage information.

ACTION:

It is recommended, therefore, that this matter be referred to the Espionage Section to determine whether or not Jeffers should be interviewed and in order that the WFO may be appropriately advised as to their question.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO :

DATE: September 14, 1949 b6
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FROM :

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Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
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Mr. Pennington	_____
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SUBJECT: LANCE FLIPPIN JEFFERS, was.
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AUTHORITY DERIVED FROM:
FBI AUTOMATIC DECLASSIFICATION GUIDE
EXEMPTION CODE 25X(1)
DATE 08-15-2008 (AAG)Purpose:

To recommend that the Washington Field Office be advised that authority is declined for an interview with this subject.

Background:

This investigation was initiated in January, 1949 based upon information to the effect that the subject was employed as a copy reader at the USSR Information Bulletin in Washington, D. C. Investigation since that time has revealed that he was born in Nebraska in 1919, attended three years of college at the University of California, also studied in State College (apparently California) and served in the United States Army attaining the rank of First Lieutenant. Jeffers is a negro.

Records of the New York Police Department reflect that he is a Communist although this could not be substantiated by Bureau investigation. It has been determined that he was in 1947 a contributor to "Main Stream", described as a Marxist Literary Quarterly. He is known to have been in contact in Washington with [redacted] a known Communist and [redacted] of the Daily Worker.

Jeffers's wife has in the past been employed in the Office of the Civil Rights Congress in Washington, D. C.

(S) Jeffers was discharged from his position with the USSR Information Bulletin on March 11, 1949, for reasons not known to the Bureau. He had originally been employed by the Bulletin in approximately May, 1948. It has been determined that he was considerably disgruntled as a result of the loss of his position, felt that he had been done an injustice and expressed the opinion that [redacted] was prejudiced toward negroes. A confidential source has indicated that [redacted] and Jeffers "had had words". The confidential source is [redacted]

It has also been determined through a confidential source that Jeffers made two efforts to obtain an interview with the Soviet Ambassador. As far as the informant has observed, those attempts were unsuccessful. Confidential source is [redacted]

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The Washington Field Office has requested authority to interview the subject with a view toward determining whether the employees of the Information Bulletin are engaging in espionage activities and for the further purpose of developing him as an informant.

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Status:

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Recommendation:

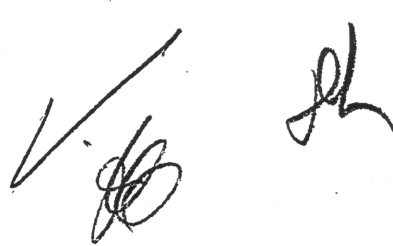
It is recognized that available information indicates that Jeffers is antagonistic toward the management of the Information Bulletin as a result of his discharge and it is considered highly probable that ~~as~~ he was incensed toward the Soviet Embassy for the same reason. However, the following considerations are made.

(1) Although Jeffers has not been proven by independent investigation by the Bureau to be a member of the Communist Party, nevertheless it is believed significant that such an allegation is contained in the files of the New York Police Department, that Jeffers has been in friendly contact with the Washington representative of the Daily Worker, that he has contributed to "Main Stream" and that his wife was employed in Washington by an organization cited by the Attorney General as with the purview of Executive Order 9835.

(2) It is considered extremely doubtful that one employed in the position of copy reader in the Information Bulletin would be in a position to know of any espionage activities being conducted by employees of the Bulletin. As a matter of fact, it is also considered extremely doubtful that the Bulletin employees are themselves engaged in espionage as no allegation to that effect has been received and the nature of their work is not such as to provide a good cover or opportunity for espionage activities. It is believed that little information of value concerning the activities of the Soviet Embassy or the Information Bulletin could be obtained from him.

(3) Even though Jeffers may be incensed against the Embassy and the Information Bulletin there is no reason to believe that he possesses a similar attitude toward the Communist Party, or to believe that he is in a position to furnish worthwhile information concerning Communist activities.

Because of the foregoing considerations, it is recommended that the Washington Field Office be instructed not to interview Jeffers. An appropriate letter to Washington Field is attached for your approval.



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SAC, Washington Field

September 14, 1949

Director, FBI

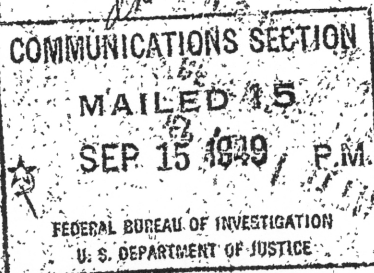
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Reference is made to your letter dated August 17, 1949 in which you request authority to interview the captioned subject.

Although it is recognized that information reported by your office indicates that Jeffers possesses a hostile attitude toward the Information Bulletin and may possess such an attitude toward the Soviet Embassy, nevertheless it is not felt that there is any indication that he possesses such an attitude toward the Communist Party. It is also considered extremely doubtful whether he is in a position to provide, should he care to, significant information concerning either the activities of the Soviet Embassy and the Information Bulletin, or the activities of the Communist Party. Therefore, the Bureau feels that authority to interview him should be withheld until information is developed indicating that he is hostile toward the Communist Party. In the event such information is developed, you should again submit your suggestions.

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FORM NO. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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FILE NO. 100-30902

REPORT MADE AT SAN FRANCISCO	DATE WHEN MADE 9/28/49	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/31;9/20/49	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] - toc b6 b7C
TITLE LANCE FLIPPIN JEFFERS, was			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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Records of San Francisco State College, San Francisco reflect subject born Fremont, Nebraska on 11/28/19. He attended Calileo High School, San Francisco, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, Santa Rosa Junior College, Santa Rosa, California and the University of San Francisco before enrolling at San Francisco State College where he studied from 9/16/39 to 5/24/40. Attended University of California from August 1940 to May 1941 when dismissed for scholastic deficiency. No information available indicating subject affiliated with Communist Party while residing in San Francisco area.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau File 100-359726
Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated 8/2/49 at Washington, D. C.

DETAILS:

SECURITY INFORMATION - CONFIDENTIAL
AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

The records of San Francisco State College, San Francisco, reflected that the subject, a former resident of 581 - 25th Avenue, San Francisco, was born in Fremont, Nebraska on November 28, 1919. He attended Calileo High School, San Francisco from February 1932 to October 1936 and Tuskegee Institute, Alabama from January 1937 to January 1938. Subject attended Santa Rosa Junior College, Santa Rosa, California from September 1938 to June 1939. His father, [REDACTED] JEFFERS, attended two years college at the University of Nebraska and his mother, Mrs. DOROTHY JEFFERS, graduated from the University of Nebraska. He attended a summer session at the University of San Francisco in 1938. He enrolled

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at San Francisco State College, San Francisco, on September 16, 1939 and was a student at this institution until May 24, 1940. The records further reflected that in January 1946 subject was residing at 45 West 66th Street, New York, New York. A photograph of the subject was obtained from the registrar's records at San Francisco State College.

No information is available indicating that subject was active in Communist affairs while residing in San Francisco.

AT BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

Records of the Registrar's Office, University of California, contain the information that JEFFERS enrolled at the University of California in August 1940. He was dismissed in December 1940 for scholastic deficiency, was readmitted in January 1941 and was again dismissed in May 1941 for scholastic deficiency.

ENCLOSURE TO BUREAU: Two photographs of LANCE FLIPPIN JEFFERS
ENCLOSURE TO WASHINGTON FIELD: Two photographs of LANCE FLIPPIN JEFFERS
ENCLOSURE TO NEW YORK: Two photographs of LANCE FLIPPIN JEFFERS

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Investigation at the University of California, Berkeley, was
conducted by Special Agent

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: September 28, 1949

FROM : SAC, San Francisco

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offices interested in the activities of the subject.LAS/toc
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TO : [REDACTED]

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: LANCE FLIPPIN JEFFERS, with aliases
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PURPOSE:

To advise that San Francisco is operating a very good informant,
[REDACTED] in the professional section of the Communist Party,

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[REDACTED] is also furnishing information to the
San Francisco Office at this time.

DETAILS:

The Washington Field Office in January, 1949, initiated an investigation of Lance Flippin Jeffers, Negro, in view of his employment as a copy reader at the USSR Information Bulletin in Washington, D. C. Jeffers began his employment by the Bulletin in approximately May, 1948, and was discharged on March 11, 1949, for unknown reasons. His wife has been employed in the office of the Civil Rights Congress in Washington, D. C., and both he and his wife were arrested on October 10, 1948, during a raid on a Henry Wallace Progressive Party Rally in Laborers Hall, 500 block of New Jersey Avenue, Washington, D. C., when seven of the individuals arrested were charged with either illegal liquor sales or operating a lottery. The meeting was sponsored by the United Negro and Allied Veterans of America and the Veterans For Wallace. Jeffers and his wife were charged with disorderly conduct. The investigation of Lance Flippin Jeffers revealed that he was born November 28, 1919, at Fremont, Nebraska, and after attending Santa Rosa Junior College, Santa Rosa, California, and the University of San Francisco, studied at San Francisco State College from September 16, 1939, to May 24, 1940. He attended the University of California from August, 1940 to May, 1941, when he was dismissed for scholastic deficiency.

His Army record, checked by the St. Louis Division, revealed that he enlisted at San Francisco on January 13, 1942, as a private and after being honorably discharged on November 24, 1942, accepted a commission as second lieutenant. He was demobilized on January 22, 1946, and received

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an honorable discharge as first lieutenant. His activities from that time until his employment for the USSR Information Bulletin have not been definitely established, though the records of the New York City Police Department reflect that he is a Communist and in 1947, contributed to "Main Stream," a Marxist literary quarterly.

He was last known to be residing at 1445 Castleton Avenue, Fort Richmond, Staten Island, New York. A lead is outstanding to the New York Office in his security case to verify his address.

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The background [redacted] since his college days in the San Francisco area does not reveal any Communist Party connections up to the time he left that area and his subsequent Army service terminated in 1946. Since his discharge from the Army in January, 1946, his activities

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are not too well known until his appearance in Washington, D. C., and employment by the USSR Information Bulletin in May, 1948. It is believed that an intensive inquiry should be made into the activities of Lance Flippin Jeffers and his wife from the time of his discharge from the Army to 1948 to obtain a better picture of the attitude of him and his wife on Communist and related matters.

During the time of the residence of Jeffers and his wife in Washington, D. C., there is ample evidence indicating that they were sympathetic to the Communist cause. The inquiries concerning Mr. and Mrs. Lance Jeffers should be conducted with the thought in mind of using them as informants if such may be possible and if not as informants, to definitely determine that they are not attempting through some devious means to infiltrate the Bureau.

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RECOMMENDATION:

There is attached an appropriate letter to the New York Division, copies to San Francisco and Washington Field, directing that inquiries concerning Lance Jeffers and his wife be intensified so the Bureau will have an accurate and current picture of Mr. and Mrs. Lance Jeffers in order to make a determination in the near future as to whether or not they can be used as informants and also to determine [redacted]

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SAC, New York

November 15, 1949

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Re San Francisco letter September 28, 1949, and the report of
Special Agent [redacted] dated September 28, 1949, at San Francisco.

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[redacted] you should intensify and expedite investigation
in your office into the present activity of Lance Jeffers and his wife
and you should also obtain as much information as possible of their
activity prior to their employment in Washington, D. C., by the USSR
Information Bulletin. The inquiries should be conducted with the thought
in mind of eventually utilizing the services of Mr. and Mrs. Lance Jeffers
in a confidential capacity.

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It should be born in mind by New York that inquiries in that
area may [redacted]
[redacted] and [redacted] who are presently furnishing informa-
tion of value on Communist and related matters.

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The San Francisco Division should be most cautious in contacts
with [redacted] and [redacted] and if there is any indication of their unreliability,
it should be brought to the attention of the Bureau immediately. All con-
tacts with the two informants should be most discreet until more information
is available regarding the activity of Lance Flippin Jeffers and his wife.

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